

NRO review(s) completed.



ARGON (formerly VEDAS)      COR-0509    Staff Mtg. 16 June 1959

RMB announced that agreement reached 15 June that VEDAS wld be carried forward under CIA mgmt and VEDAS shots wld be treated as addtl DISCOVERER shots. This decision made at mtg attended by RMB, Roy Johnson, Dr. Golovan, Godel, Gise and Dr. Bruce Billings of York's office. VEDAS program will be organized and mgd as COR except (1) tech mgmt will be joint ARPA/DPD; and (2) the Army regarded as the primary, but not exclusive customer. 4 shots planned in the VEDAS mapping program. Security to be controlled by DPD. Plan to cancel VEDAS overtly as now ~~ex~~istent, then CIA will pick up in framework of our black contracts. Look to BMD for procurement of 1st and 2nd stage vehicles. No Army procurement although Army will have voice in systems diffusion.